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Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, a "Related Applications" section is added after the title as follows:

Related Applications

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 as a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/992,316, filed December 17, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,332,893.

In the paragraph spanning pages 8-9, please make the following changes:

Tension member 225 can be used to further alter the geometry of left ventricle 10 in a manner disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 5,961,440 08/933,456, entitled "HEART WALL TENSION REDUCTION APPARATUS AND METHOD", which was filed on September 18, 1997 and is incorporated herein by reference.